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IN THE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

**FILED**  
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MAR 28 2008  
MAR 28, 2008  
MICHAEL W. DOBBINS  
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Plaintiff, )

vs. )

FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED )

THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED )

DOLLARS, (\$131,500.00) in U.S. CURRENCY, )

AND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO )

AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELER'S CHECKS )

IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED )

ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, (\$111,000.00) )

Defendant. )

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RICHARD LYNCH, )

Claimant. )

No. 08 C 1377

Hon. Matthew F. Kennelly  
District Judge

Hon. Martin C. Ashman,  
Magistrate Judge

**NOTICE OF FILING**

To: Daniel May, Esq.  
Assistant United States Attorney  
219 South Dearborn, 5<sup>th</sup> floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE on the 28th day March, 2008, we filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division in the Dirksen Federal Building, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, the attached **Verified Claim**.

RICHARD LYNCH, Claimant  
By and through his attorneys  
KOMIE AND ASSOCIATES

By:

  
Stephen M. Komie

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)

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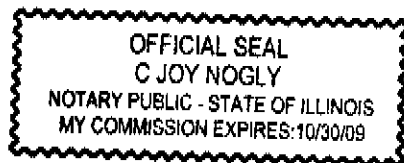
COUNTY OF COOK)

## PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that I have served true and correct copy(ies) of the attached Notice of Filing and **Verified Claim** to the above named party(ies) by depositing same in the United States Mail at One North LaSalle Street in Chicago, Illinois, in properly addressed, and sealed envelopes with proper postage prepaid before 5:00 p.m. on the 28 day of MARCH, 2008.

Signed and sworn to before  
me this 28 day of March 2008.

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Notary Public



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**VERIFIED CLAIM**

NOW COMES Claimant, STEPHEN M. KOMIE, pursuant to the Supplemental Rule for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims C(6), and G(5) and demands restitution of the Defendant property and claims the right to defend this action. Based upon information and belief, Claimant has a bonafide ownership and/or possession interest in the Defendant property in that he is an owner and/or lawful possessor of the property. Further, Claimant has a property interest in the amount of \$97,000.00 consisting of a 50% interest of \$131,500.00 in U.S. Currency and \$111,000.00 in American Express Traveler's Checks of the property which is the subject of this forfeiture action. Said ownership interest was obtained by assignment which is attached hereto and made a part hereof from Claimant Richard Lynch.

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Further, Claimant Lynch has assigned to his attorney Stephen M. Komie a fifty percent interest of the gross amount seized U.S. Currency and American Express Traveler's Checks. Said assignment to Claimant's attorney is for \$97,000.00 of the gross amount seized together with any interest to be paid or awards of attorney's fees.

Dated: 3/28/08

Respectfully submitted,

By: Stephen Komie  
STEPHEN M. KOMIE, Claimant

**ASSIGNMENT**

I, Richard Lynch, hereby assign, transfer, quit claim, and convey an amount \$97,000.00 of my interest in the \$242,500.00 of United States Currency and American Express Traveler's Checks seized by Chicago Police Department, Amtrak Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, and/or other law enforcement officers on October 9, 2007 at Union Station, Chicago, Illinois, without search warrant, Asset ID Nos. 08-DEA-490877 and 08-DEA-492161 to STEPHEN M. KOMIE.

DATED:

12/12/07

Richard Lynch  
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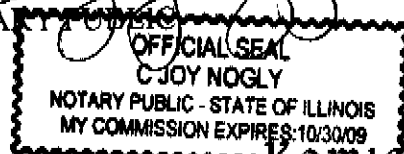
VERIFICATION

I, STEPHEN M. KOMIE, Claimant, verify that the matters stated in the Verified Claim are true or based upon information and belief.

  
Stephen M. Komie

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED  
BEFORE ME THIS 28  
DAY OF March, 2008.

NOTARY PUBLIC



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